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SUBJECT: GSP AND ISRAEL: EXCHANGE OF NOTES

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 4486; (B) STATE 230527

1. IN ADDITION TO REFTEL B CHANGES TO NOTES IN REFTEL A,
PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

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A. IN NOTE A: CHANGE PARA 2B CRITERION TO 375,000 DOLLARS INSTEAD OF 400,000 DOLLARS.

B. IN NOTE B: CHANGE "...MULTINATIONAL..." TO "...MULTILATERAL...."

2. AGREED TEXT OF TOBACCO NOTE FOLLOWS:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. (BLANK) OF (BLANK), THE LIST OF PRODUCTS ATTACHED THERETO, AND THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HELD IN WASHINGTON JUNE 24 TO JUNE 27, 1975 CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF ISRAEL FOR

UNITED STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

DURING THE AFOREMENTIONED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES, DESIRING THAT MANUFACTURED TOBACCO (ISRAEL TARIFF NO. 24021000) BE GIVEN DUTY TREATMENT EQUAL TO THAT GIVEN LIKE PRODUCTS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MAY 11, 1975 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, REQUESTED THAT TARIFF ITEM 24021000 BE INCLUDED ON THE PRODUCT LIST ACCOMPANYING NOTE NO. (BLANK) OF (BLANK).

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL REGRETS THAT IT CANNOT, AT THIS TIME, INCLUDE THE ABOVE TARIFF ITEM ON THE LIST OF ISRAEL.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, NOTING THE FACT THAT THE INITIAL DUTY REDUCTION FOR PRODUCTS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF THE ABOVE TARIFF ITEM WILL BE ON THE PROTECTIVE ELEMENT AND WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JULY 1, 1977, AND NOTING THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE ABOVE ITEM BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AGREES TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY THE INCLUSION OF ITEM 24021000 ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PRODUCT LIST ACCOMPANYING THE (BLANK) NOTE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL BEFORE JULY 1, 1977. (ASTERISK)

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE

(ASTERISK) RELEVANT FISCAL PROBLEMS WHICH ISRAEL MAY ENCOUNTER BY ACCEDING TO THE U.S. REQUEST WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. FISCAL PROBLEMS

RELATE TO CONSIDERATIONS AROUND THE NON-PROTECTIVE
ELEMENT OF THE ISRAELI TARIFF.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT ASTERISK PORTION OF
TOBACCO NOTE WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD USE THREE SEPARATE, BUT IDENTICAL,
NOTES TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOI NOTES:

TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF (BLANK).

THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW
TO THE MINISTRY OF ITS ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

5. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE NOTES. EXCHANGE
SHOULD OCCUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 TO PERMIT INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN
NEXT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON GSP BENEFICIARIES. KISSINGER

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